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SUBJ: EDOUARD BALLADUR, NEW ELYSEE SECRETARY GENERAL

1. EDOUARD BALLADUR, NOW DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE ELYSEE, HAS BEEN NAMED TO REPLACE MICHEL JOBERT AS SECRETARY-GENERAL. BORN IN 1929, BALLADUR EARNED A LAW DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AIX- EN- PROVENCE, COMPLETED HIS MILITARY SERVICE AND ENTERED THE ECOLE NATIONALE D' ADMINISTRATION (ENA) IN 1955. AFTER GRADUATING FROM ENA, HE ENTERED THE CONSEIL D' ESTAT, ONE OF FRANCE' S MOST PRESTIGIOUS SERVICES GENERALLY RESERVED FOR THE CREAM OF THE ENA GRADUATING CLASS. AFTER SERVING AT THE CONSEIL D' ETAT FROM 1957 TO 1963, BALLADUR BECAME SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE-OWNED RADIO AND TELEVISION ADMINISTRATION. IN 1964, HE ENTERED THE CABINET OF POMPIDOU WHO WAS AT THAT TIME PRIME MINISTER. WHEN POMPIDOU BECAME PRESIDENT IN 1969, HE BROUGHT BALLADUR WITH HIM TO THE ELYSEE AS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL.

2. ALTHOUGH HE SERVED AS " ACROSS- THE- BOARD" DEPUTY TO OUTGOING SEC GEN JOBERT, BALLADUR SPECIALIZED AT THE ELYSEE IN
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LABOR MATTERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM. LIKE JOBERT, BALLADUR IS AN INTELLIGENT, SELF- EFFACING MAN WHO IS REPUTED TO BE

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ABSOLUTELY LOYAL TO POMPIDOU. IF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PRESIDENCY CONTINUES AS IT WAS UNDER JOBERT, BALLADUR' S NEW POSITION WILL MAKE HIM THE TOP CIVIL SERVANT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE ELYSEE AND A CLOSE, INFLUENTIAL ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT.

3. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR MALFATTI, WHO KNOWS BALLADUR WELL, TELLS US HE IS EXTREMELY COURTEOUS, HELPFUL AND ACCOMMODATING.
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